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IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

July 1, 2008

State Clearinghouse (or alternate):

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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P. O. Box 83720
472 West Washington St.
Boise, ID 83702

State Environmental Protection Agency:

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
1410 N. Hilton
Boise, ID 83706

**State Coastal Zone Management Agency
(if applicable):**

None

Head of each County:

Kootenai County Commissioners
County Courthouse
451 Government Way
Coeur D Alene, ID 83814-2988

**Environmental Protection Agency
(Regional Office):**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 10
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900
Seattle, WA 98101

U.S. Fish and Wildlife:

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Pacific Region
911 NE 11th Avenue
Portland, OR 97232-4181

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

U.S. Army Engineers
Seattle District
4735 East Marginal Way South
Seattle WA 98134-2385

National Park Service:

National Park Service
Pacific West Region
One Jackson Center
1111 Jackson Street, Suite 700
Oakland, CA 94607

U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service:

State Conservationist
Natural Resource Conservation Service
9173 W. Barnes Drive, Ste. C
Boise, ID 83709-1574

National Geodetic Survey:

National Geodetic Survey
Frank Maida, Chief
Spatial Reference System Division
NOAA N/NGS23
1315 E-W Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282

State Historic Preservation Office:

State Historic Preservation Officer
Idaho Historical Society
2205 Old Penitentiary Road
Boise, Idaho 83712

Re: Proposed Abandonment of the Coeur d'Alene Industrial Lead from M.P. 7.5 near Gibbs to the end of the line at M.P. 8.79 near Coeur d'Alene, a distance of 1.29 miles in Kootenai County, Idaho; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 272X)

Dear Sirs:

Union Pacific Railroad Company plans to request authority from the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to abandon and discontinue service on the Coeur d'Alene Industrial Lead from M.P. 7.5 near Gibbs to the end of the line at M.P. 8.79 near Coeur d'Alene, a distance of 1.29 miles in Kootenai County, Idaho. A map of the proposed track abandonment shown in black is attached.

Law Department

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD
1400 Douglas St., Stop 1580, Omaha, NE 68179-1580
fx. (402) 501-0127

Pursuant to the STB's regulations at 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, and the environmental regulations at 40 C.F. R. Part 1105.7, this is to request your assistance in identifying any potential effects of this action as indicated in the paragraphs below. We do not anticipate any adverse environmental impacts; however, if you identify any adverse environmental impacts, describe any actions that are proposed in order to mitigate the environmental impacts. Please provide us with a written response that can be included in an Environmental Report, which will be sent to the STB.

LOCAL AND/OR REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCIES. State whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Describe any inconsistencies.

U. S. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE. State the effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land.

U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (And State Game And Parks Commission, If Addressed). State (1) whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, describe the effects, and, (2) whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected, and describe any effects.

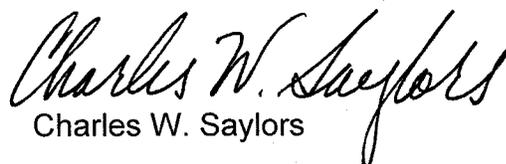
STATE WATER QUALITY OFFICIALS. State whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or Local water quality standards. Describe any inconsistencies.

U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS. State (1) whether permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S. C. § 1344) are required for the proposed action and (2) whether any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected. Describe the effects.

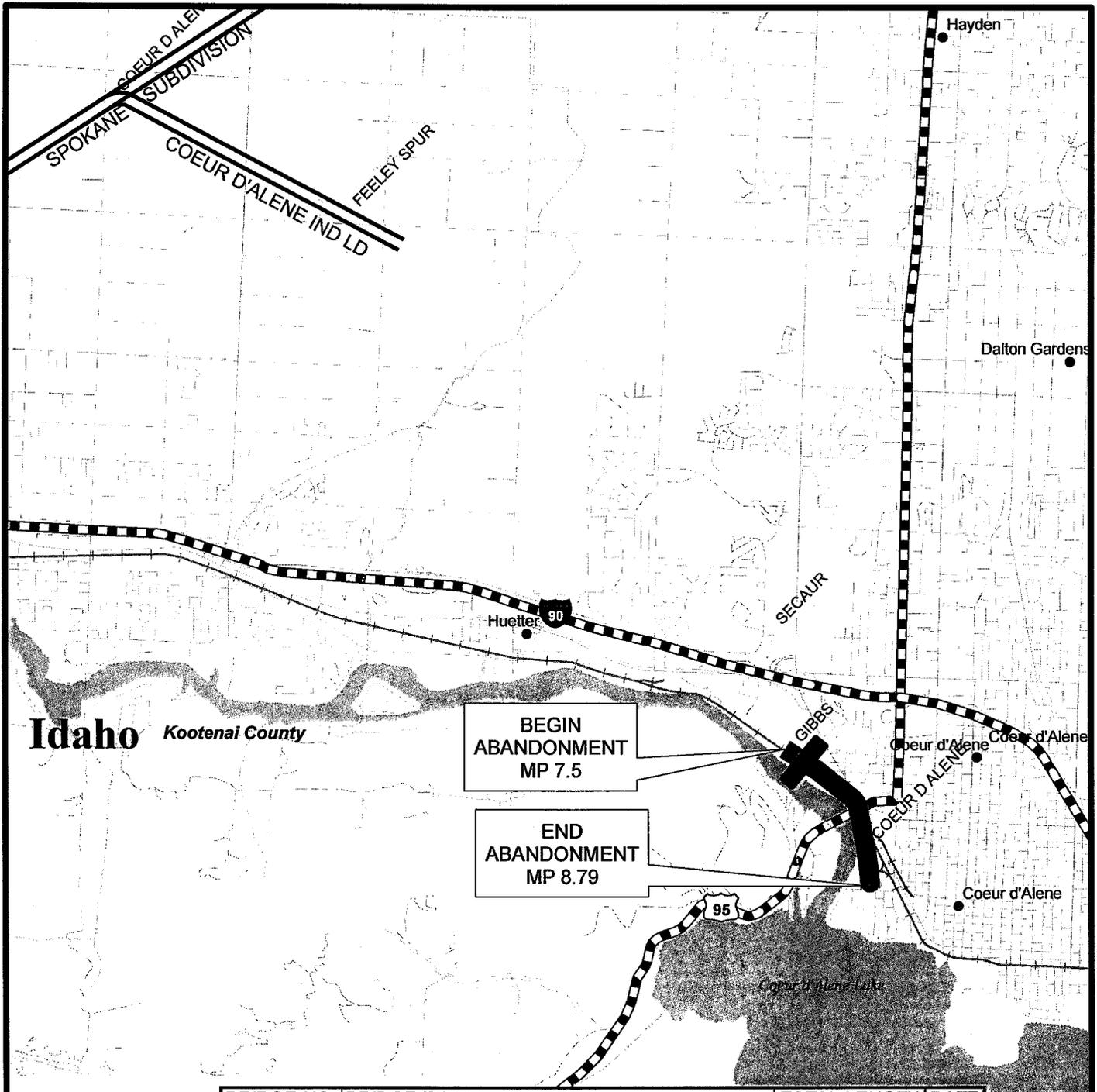
U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (OR EQUIVALENT AGENCY). (1) Identify any potential effects on the surrounding area, (2) identify the location of hazardous waste sites and known hazardous material spills on the right-of-way and list the types of hazardous materials involved, and (3) state whether permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1342) are required for the proposed action.

Thank you for your assistance. Please send your reply to Union Pacific Railroad, Mr. Chuck Saylor, 1400 Douglas Street, Mail Stop 1580, Omaha, NE, 68179. If you need further information, please contact me at (402) 544-4861.

Yours truly,


Charles W. Saylor

Attachment



Idaho Kootenai County

BEGIN
ABANDONMENT
MP 7.5

END
ABANDONMENT
MP 8.79

BRIDGE NO.	BRIDGE TYPE	TOTAL LENGTH	DATE
7.67	1-SPAN TIMBER PILE TRESTLE - OPEN DECK	11'	YNK

Legend

-  UPRR LINES TO BE ABANDONED
-  OTHER UPRR LINES
-  OTHER RAILROADS
-  PRINCIPAL HIGHWAYS
-  OTHER ROADS
-  50 + YEAR OLD STRUCTURES

COEUR D'ALENE INDUSTRIAL LEAD
 MP 7.50 TO MP 8.79
 TOTAL OF 1.29 MILES IN KOOTENAI COUNTY
 IN IDAHO
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD CO.
COEUR D'ALENE INDUSTRIAL LEAD
IDAHO
 INCLUDING 50+ YEAR OLD STRUCTURES

